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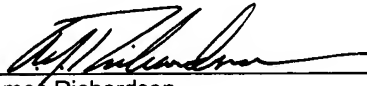
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The references now cited are the following:

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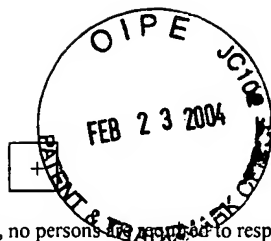
Applicant respectfully requests that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

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